

News from Councilmember Todd Gloria

District Three

DIALOGUE



City of San Diego

June 2011 Volume 3, Issue 6

Taxpayers Benefit from Continued Financial Reforms

By Councilmember Todd Gloria

The City of San Diego has championed widespread financial reforms over the past several years to address our structural budget deficit. I am proud that our efforts continue, and want to share two recent successes that will greatly benefit taxpayers.

On May 6, I joined Mayor Jerry Sanders and others to announce the tentative agreement between the City and most employees on the future of retiree healthcare that is expected to generate hundreds of millions in taxpayer savings. Since then, the agreement has been formally approved.

The agreement demonstrates the commitment of most councilmembers to addressing our long-term financial liabilities and ending our City's structural budget deficit. It places San Diego on the cutting edge of fiscal reform and demonstrates that it is possible to save taxpayers' money and provide fair benefits to employees.

Taxpayers will see immediate savings through the elimination of \$323 million from the unfunded liability. Going forward, the City's annual savings will be \$3.45 million in Fiscal Year 2015 and increase to \$59.2 million in 2036. Over the course of the next 25 years, the total annual benefit to taxpayers will add up to \$714 million.

Savings will result because the plan reduces the benefits promised, requires employees to contribute to their retiree health care costs and provides protections to taxpayers by allowing the City Council to change this agreement if the City's financial position worsens.

Lowering the City's costs for retiree healthcare means more funds will be available for the core services upon which San Diegans depend, like parks, libraries, fire, and police services.

Continued on page 2.

City Council Round Up

North Park Clean and Safe Program

The renaissance of North Park has certainly had impacts, and an effort is underway to directly address some of the challenging effects: a Clean and Safe district. Modeled after successful programs in Little Italy and parts of downtown, a Clean and Safe district would give the community the tools needed to enhance successes and to mitigate some of the impacts of the reinvigorated business area.

North Park neighbors now have the opportunity to weigh in on the proposed Clean and Safe district.

The City Council approved a resolution of intention to form the district at our May 24 meeting. Ballots have been sent out to the affected property owners to ensure a minimum 45-day balloting period per state law. A public hearing including ballot tabulation is scheduled to be held as part of the City Council meeting on July 12.

I am eager for North Park to have a dialog on this proposal that could make a great difference in our prospering community.

Services for Homeless Neighbors

Daytime Service Center: The San Diego Housing Commission has stepped up to fund operations at the Neil Good Day Center, which were in jeopardy after federal Community Development Block Grant funds were not allocated to the facility. The Neil Good Day Center allows homeless neighbors to have a mailing address, take showers, do laundry and stay off the streets during the daytime.

Winter Shelter: The San Diego City Council approved a site for the 2012 Winter Shelter program. The shelter will be located in the cul-de-sac at 16th St. and Newton Ave. and should open in November.

District Three Dialogue

Crime Statistics 2

Balboa Park App Earns Award 2

Community Connection 3

Water Conservation Gardens of the Month 3

Tracking Todd 4



202 C Street, MS 10A
San Diego, CA 92101
Phone (619) 236-6633
Fax (619) 595-1481
toddgloria@sandiego.gov
www.sandiego.gov/cd3

Abandoned Properties Ordinance Advances

Councilmember Todd Gloria was pleased to secure passage of the Abandoned Properties Ordinance out of the Land Use and Housing Committee on April 27.

The ordinance would require timely rehabilitation of specific problem properties which are public nuisances or attract nuisance activity. The ordinance would expand the existing Vacant Property Program (which currently applies only to boarded structures) to also cover unsecured structures that have been vacant for two years, perpetual remodels, vacant lots, and bank-owned properties where the banks have not been responsive.

It would require owners or responsible persons to submit a Statement of Intent with specific information regarding the structure and the plan for its rehabilitation and maintenance. Failure by the responsible person to make a good faith effort to lawfully use the abandoned property within 90 days may make that person liable for administrative civil penalties not to exceed \$5,000 per year.

The City Council will consider the ordinance in the coming weeks.

Upcoming Events Calendar

Philippine Day Celebration

Thursday, June 2, 12:00 p.m.

Balboa Park Recital Hall

Palisades Building on Pan American Plaza

Stepping Stone Open House

Friday, June 3, 3:00 p.m.

3767 Central Avenue

Open House — North Park Mini Park and Associated Streetscape Improvement Project

Saturday, June 4, 9:00 a.m.

Claire de Lune, 2906 University Ave.

Coffee with your Councilmember

Saturday, June 4, 2011, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

City Heights-Weingart Branch Library, 3795 Fairmount Ave.

Art Around Adams

Saturday, June 4, 3:00 p.m.

Adams Ave.

City Heights Summer Face Lift

Saturday, June 11, 8:00 a.m.— 2:00 p.m.

5200 block of Trojan Ave.

15th Anniversary of the Human Dignity Foundation

Saturday, June 11, 6:00 p.m.

Eden, 1202 University Ave.

South Park Old House Fair

Saturday, June 18, All Day

30th and Beech

World Refugee Day

Sunday, June 19, 5:00 p.m.

Museum of Photographic Arts, 1649 El Prado

Coffee with your Councilmember

Saturday, June 25, 2011, 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.

Bodhi Veterinary Clinic, 2200 University Ave.

Another Successful Curfew Sweep

The May 13 curfew sweep was the most successful in history. The officers of Mid-City Division of the San Diego Police Department took 83 juveniles off the streets. Two diversion groups, Girl E and Greater Works Empowerment Center, helped process the kids.

Councilmember Todd Gloria offers his thanks to our juvenile services officers, officers, volunteers and diversion groups for helping run an operation that ran seamlessly.

Water Conservation Gardens of the Month

Two properties in Council District Three were recently honored in the Water Agency California — Friendly Landscape Contest, and Councilmember Gloria has selected both of them as his Water Conservation Gardens for the month of June.

3400 Block of Nile Street

This yard, belonging to Robert Smith, is located in the 3400 block of Nile Street and was the San Diego winner of the Water Agency contest.



4300 Block of Proctor Place

Jay Hill and Scott Suckow should be proud of their home in the 4300 block of Proctor Place, which earned an Honorable Mention in the Water Agency contest.



Call for Submissions

Where is your favorite drought-tolerant yard in District Three? Submit the address and a photo to ToddGloria@sandiego.gov, and you may see it in a future District Three Dialogue. As always, don't be afraid to submit your own!

Community Connection: The Todd Squad is Working for You

Public Safety

- Sharrows (pictured below) were added to streets throughout Council District Three to encourage safe automobile and bicycle coexistence.



- Graffiti was removed from the Georgia Street Bridge.
- Two "School Ahead" signs were added near Rowan Elementary School to improve safety.
- Streetlights were repaired near Marlborough Avenue and Alder Drive as well as Edgeware Road at Alder Drive.

Infrastructure Improvements

- The dirt alley near the 1400 block of Essex Street will be graded by June 17.
- A water leak was fixed near Florida Street and El Cajon Boulevard.
- Damage by City crews to a driveway apron on Meade Avenue was repaired.
- Damage to an irrigation line and parkway strip on Lila Drive was repaired.

Community Character

- Council District Three staff coordinated with Allied Waste to arrange for two donated dumpsters for the Fairmount Park cleanup planned for June 18.
- A new Manzanita Canyon sign was added to the entrance behind Joyner Elementary School.
- Fallen palm fronds were removed from Panorama Drive.
- Debris was cleared from Washington Street at SR-163 by the Environmental Services Department and Alpha Project.
- The toddler swing at the Kensington Library Park was repaired.

Balboa Park Online Collaborative Earns National Award

In mid-May, the Balboa Park Online Collaborative was awarded second place in a national competition by the American Association of Museums for its cell phone adventure game "Giskin Anomaly."

Balboa Park Online Collaborative's entry was selected by an international group of museum media professionals for its use of digital media to enhance the museum experience and engage new audiences.

If you haven't had a chance to experience the Giskin Anomaly cell phone adventure, Councilmember Gloria encourages you to grab your phone and start at the Old Globe Theater Box Office. You'll have fun and learn some Balboa Park history at the same time.

Learn more here: www.balboapark.org/bpoc.

Financial Reforms (continued from page 1)

The agreement includes a 15-year memorandum of understanding. Employees hired before July 1, 2005 and who retire after April 1, 2012 could choose from three options:

- The current guaranteed benefit of \$8,880 with an annual escalator of 2%. Only workers nearing retirement would be eligible for this plan, and they would contribute \$100 monthly for the benefit.
- A guaranteed benefit of \$5,500 with no annual escalator. This would require a smaller monthly contribution of \$50.
- A defined-contribution plan that aims to approximate an annual benefit of \$8,500. The amount the retiree receives would be subject to investment losses, but it would not cost the employee.

The City previously ended the entire retiree healthcare benefit for employees hired after July 1, 2005. The agreement continues those past reforms that also generate savings for the City's taxpayers.

Another element of fiscal reform is managed competition, which allows City employees and outside companies to vie for the opportunity to

efficiently provide certain City services.

The results of San Diego's first ever managed competition that Mayor Sanders and I announced on May 11 are those that I expected: our dedicated City employees in Publishing Services provide excellent service at a price that cannot be beat by private companies.

City employees suggested several efficiencies in their proposal, which are expected to generate \$5 million of savings in the next five years.

The managed competition process was careful, deliberate and implemented fairly. Our employees in the Publishing Services office, like their counterparts in other departments across the City, are hardworking, efficient workers -- dedicated to the City and to providing the highest level of service possible with the taxpayer dollars they earn.

I am confident that future competitions will yield similar results.

I thank the members of the Managed Competition Independent Review Board for their ongoing work and congratulate the Publishing Services employees and thank them for their diligence.

Tracking Todd



Above, Todd participates in the annual Creek to Bay Cleanup by clearing debris from Manzanita Canyon.



Todd visited the City's emergency communications center on May 2. Above, he witnesses fire dispatcher Juliana Humphries expertly handle a 9-1-1 call.



Right, he announces his proposal to spare libraries and recreation centers from the drastic cuts proposed in the budget.

Councilmember Gloria serves on the following:

- Chair, Budget and Finance Committee
- Chair, Ad Hoc Committee on Redevelopment
- Public Safety and Neighborhood Services Committee
- Land Use and Housing Committee
- Rules, Open Government and Intergovernmental Affairs Committee
- Metropolitan Transit System Board
- San Diego Association of Governments
- San Diego Workforce Partnership
- San Diego Convention and Visitors Bureau
- San Diego River Conservancy

Sign up for our e-news! Visit <http://www.sandiego.gov/citycouncil/cd3/>